

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification provide updated information on the copending patent applications cited therein. Applicant has inserted the filing date and has replaced the attorney docket number with the corresponding serial number, which was unavailable at the time of filing.

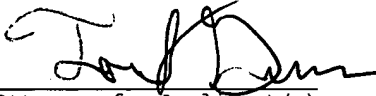
Each of the cited applications is provided to the Examiner in a separately filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Claims 3, 10, 11, 13, 16, and 18 are amended to correct informalities. Claim 14 is amended to correct an informality and to delete language to eliminate possible confusion with the dependent claims. Since an official action has not been issued in the instant application, the amendments are not made to overcome prior art.


If the Examiner's action is other than entry of this paper, or if the Examiner has any questions concerning this paper, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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